

## 5 Ways To Save On Gas

Nowadays, gasoline is nearing \$4 a gallon. At this rate, a road trip can cost you a pretty penny; add in tolls and food and it may be cheaper to fly! Let's try to squeeze as many miles out of our tanks as possible. Here's how:

- **No hard breaks and stops.** Aggressive driving can increase fuel consumption by as much as 40%. And driving at 55 mph rather than 65 mph can improve your gas mileage by about 15%.
- **Tune in.** A poorly tuned engine can use up to 50% more fuel.
- **Pump it up.** Under-inflated tires cause your car to eat up as much as 6% more fuel.
- **Power down.** Turn off power-consuming gadgets plugged into your car's cigarette lighter and other electrical sources before you turn off the ignition. At start-up you will decrease engine activity and fuel consumption.
- **Use the right oil.** Using the correct viscosity oil is important because higher viscosity oils have greater resistance to the moving parts of the engine and use more gas.

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